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Washington, DC – Today, Congressmen Harry Teague (NM-02) and Ben Ray Luján (NM-03) announced that New Mexico will receive over \$49,000 towards employment of New Mexico High School students through green job training projects.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the funding to Earth Works Institute (EWI) in Santa Fe and the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), located in Silver City.

“Grants like this one make a critical investment in New Mexico’s sustainable energy industry future,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “The training this grant provides will not only prepare these students for competitive, good paying jobs in one of the fastest growing industries, it will also strengthen New Mexico’s role as a leader in the energy industry.”

“Training students to participate in a clean energy economy will help build a strong economy, improve our global competitiveness and reduce our dependence on foreign oil,” said Congressman Ben Ray Luján. “Opportunities like this are essential to New Mexico’s future and the students who will benefit.”

The projects will train part of New Mexico's expanding green workforce and aid the development of green building, alternative transportation, renewable energy, water conservation and sustainable food production.